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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
INGEMAR H. LUNDQUIST et al.

Serial No.: 09/553,738
Filing Date: April 20, 2000

Title: TREATMENT DEVICE WITH
GUIDABLE NEEDLE

Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: M. Thompson

Date: November 6, 2001

AMENDMENT

Box Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2001.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph beginning on Page 12, line 8 with the following paragraph:

--One embodiment of the device of this invention uses the urethra to access the prostate and positions RF electrode stylets directly into the tissues to be destroyed. The portion of the stylet conductor extending from the urethra to targeted tissues is enclosed within a longitudinally adjustable sleeve shield which prevents exposure of the tissue adjacent to the sleeve to the RF current supplied by a radio frequency generator. The sleeve movement is also used to control the amount of energy per unit surface area which is delivered by controlling the amount of electrode exposed. Thus the ablative destruction is confined to the tissues targeted for destruction, namely those causing the constriction. Other aspects of the invention will become apparent from the drawings and accompanying descriptions of the device and method of this invention. It will be readily

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